



GRACE + PEACE
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"The Entry Into Jerusalem" by Wilhelm Morgner, oil on canvas, 1912.

Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024



Welcome | Grace + Peace is a gospel formed family for the city. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, whether skeptical, curious, or a committed follower of Jesus Christ, there is room for you.

Nursery | Nursery for children ages birth through 4 years old is available during the entire worship service. Babies and toddlers are in two separate rooms. To get to the nursery, you will exit out the back of the sanctuary and go through the glass double doors on the left. From there, you will walk down the ramp and take a right when you get to the end of the sidewalk. Enter through the double glass doors where you will find our Nursery Coordinator sitting at a table ready to check in your child and show you to their rooms. Children ages 0-2 will be in Room S102 and children ages 2-4 will be in room S101. Many parents choose to pick up their child just prior to communion for the last part of the worship service. This is a great way to introduce them to worshipping corporately. You may also opt to have your child remain in nursery for the duration of the service, as childcare is provided the entire time.

Family Room | We have a room set up in Stedman Hall for families if you would like a more private place to comfort your babies. To get to the family room, you will exit out the back of the sanctuary and go through the glass double doors on the left. From there, you will walk down the ramp and take a right when you get to the end of the sidewalk. Enter through the double glass doors where you will find our Nursery Coordinator sitting at a table ready to direct you to the room which will also be marked with a sign. A live stream will be running so that you may continue to listen and participate in worship.

Children's Ministry | Children in Pre-K through 2nd grade are invited to attend our "Grapes + Peas" class. Children in Grapes + Peas participate in the first part of worship with their family, are dismissed during the sermon for a lesson, and return with their teachers to the sanctuary before communion. For first-time visitors, please escort your child with us to the classroom so we can introduce ourselves.

Preparation for Worship

Welcome

Procession | *Prepare Ye The Way*

Prepare ye the way
Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Prepare ye the way
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Yeshua, Yeshua, You reign on high, You reign on high
Almighty God, Your love is like no other
Yeshua, You reign on high, You reign on high
Almighty God, Your love is like no other

Words and Music: Michael W. Smith

Call to Worship | *based on John 12:13*

Celebrant: King Jesus comes, King Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah.

People: *Hail! King Jesus, King of all!*

Celebrant: Recall the words of the Scriptures: “A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!’”

People: *In praise we adore you, King Jesus. Enter our hearts today as you entered Jerusalem long ago, and lead us by faith in the way everlasting.*

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Worship | *A Thousand Hallelujahs*

Refrain:

*With a thousand hallelujahs we magnify Your name
You alone deserve the glory, the honor and the praise
Lord Jesus, this song is forever Yours
A thousand hallelujahs, and a thousand more*

Who else would rocks cry out to worship?
Whose glory taught the stars to shine?
Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing
But this joy is mine

Refrain

Words and Music: Brooke Ligertwood, Phil Wickham, Scott Ligertwood, 2023.

Confession of Sin

We confess that we are not so different from those who welcomed Christ into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday yet later shouted 'Crucify him!' or remained silent in the face of injustice. We have betrayed you too, Lord Jesus, by our sins both secret and known. Yet you died for people like us, and you rose on the third day that we might be redeemed. For the sake of Jesus Christ do not hold our sins against us.

[Silence for self-examination and personal confession.]

Assurance of Pardon | *Acts 10:43*

All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Song of Response | *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
ye ransomed from the fall
hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all
Hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all
To him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all!

Words Edward Perronet, 1780. Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden.

Grapes + Peas Blessing

At this time children from Pre-K through 2nd grade may come up to the front of the sanctuary to be prayed over. After the prayer, they will meet their teachers at the door in the front right corner of the sanctuary to walk to their classroom in the Stedman Hall for a short lesson. Pre-K through Kindergarten will meet in Room S106, and 1st through 2nd grade will meet in Room S105. They will return just before communion. For first-time visitors, please escort your child with us to the classroom so we can introduce ourselves.

Passing of the Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Psalm Reading | *Psalm 47:5-7, ESV (Pew Bible page 472)*

⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

⁷ For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

Gospel Reading | *Matthew 21: 1-17, ESV (Pew Bible page 826)*

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵ “Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹ And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

¹² And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹³ He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of robbers.”

¹⁴ And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant, ¹⁶ and they said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read,

“‘Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies
you have prepared praise?’”

¹⁷ And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

Celebrant: This is the Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon: The King We Need | *Rev. John Sweet*
Sermon Notes:

[Please pass the blue sign-in pads on the left end of the row at this time.]

Offertory | *Hosanna*

Refrain:

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. When You come, everything must change

Hosanna, now that You're here

This place will never be the same

As You rode into Jerusalem, the city filled the street with palms

And now You've come here like a rushing wind, and we will join with their response

We'll sing

Refrain

As You walked the road to Calvary, the cross weighed down with all our sins

Your death paid what You did not owe, so we can sing in freedom

We'll sing

Refrain

Now we wait for You expectantly. You promised us You would return

The prophet said, "Your King will come." We rest our hope on that sure word

'Til then

Refrain

Words and Music: Obe Brown, Will Burns, Casey Janice Hobbs, Jon Webb Jr, 2019.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*People: Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Profession of Faith | *Apostle's Creed*

*All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
The holy catholic Church;
The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting. Amen.*

Celebration of Communion

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us— even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whose grace we may triumph over temptation, be more fervent in prayer, and be more generous in love. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest!

Arrangement: David Lutes and David Breeding.

Words of Institution

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant: Let us now proclaim the mystery of the faith:

*People: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.*

Prayer of Consecration

Table Blessing

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose again for you, and feed on him by Faith, with thanksgiving.

Table Welcome

We welcome all baptized Christians who believe in the Gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ to participate in the Communion meal. This includes all Christians, whether members here or not. Children who have been baptized and interviewed by the elders of this church or the ruling body of another church are also welcome to the table. If you're still investigating Christianity, not sure what you believe, or simply choose not to participate in the Eucharist, you may either remain in your seat or come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing.

Note: Grape juice is provided in the center of each tray. All bread is gluten free.

Prayer of Searching for Truth:

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Believing:

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

Prayer of Struggling Against Sin:

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen.

Communion | *Behold the Lamb*

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Torn for you - eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

Communion | *Ancient of Days*

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains:
That my God is, the Ancient of Days

Refrain:

*None above Him, none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power, all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is, the Ancient of Days*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul
He is here with me, I am not alone
O His love is sure, and He knows my name
For my God is, the Ancient of Days

Refrain

Though I may not see what the future brings
I will watch and wait for the Savior King
Then my joy complete standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

Refrain

Words and Music: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, Jesse Reeves, 2018.

Sending Song | *When Your Kingdom Comes*

Every wrong will be turned to right
You'll wipe away the tears from our eyes
When your kingdom comes
The dark will make way for the dawn
Grief and loss will be undone
When Your kingdom comes

Refrain:

*Night will turn to day
And Your church will sing
Take your bride away
When Your kingdom comes
Sorrow will be erased
Pain will wash away
We will see your face
When Your kingdom comes*

When will see our God at last
And stand with saints from ages past
When Your kingdom comes
We will hear the trumpet call
Everything will be worth it all
When Your kingdom comes

Refrain

Words and Music: Paul Zach (The Silver Pages), 2012.

Benediction | *1 Thessalonians 5:23, NIV*

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.
May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sending

Celebrant: Go forth, remembering who you are and to whom you belong.

People: *With God's help, we will!*

Calendar

This Week

3/24	9:30 am	Sunday School
3/24	10:45 am	Palm Sunday Worship Service*
3/24	3 pm	Grace Teens Student Ministry Meeting @ Gym
3/25	7 am	Men's Morning Bible Study @ Central Market
3/25-3/29	11a-1p	Stations of the Cross Exhibit @ Foyer
3/25	12:15 pm	Lent Prayer Meeting @ Office Library
3/26	7 pm	Women's Evening Bible Study @ Stedman S105
3/27	10 am	Women's Morning Bible Study @ Stedman Hall
3/28		Maundy Thursday @ Parish Groups
3/29	6:30 pm	Good Friday Service
3/30	1-4 pm	Holy Saturday Stations of the Cross Exhibit @ Foyer
3/31	7 am	Easter Sunrise Service @ Brentwood Neighborhood Park
3/31	9 am	Easter Brunch @ Gym (<i>no Sunday School</i>)
3/31	10:45 am	Easter Sunday Worship Service
31	12:30 pm	Easter Egg Hunt @ Gym

April

1	8 pm	Contemplative Prayer Meeting @ Church Office
4	7 pm	Safe Families Family Friend & Host Training @ Hope Chapel
6	9 am	Intro to Grace + Peace Class
11	7 pm	Safe Families Fundraiser Dinner @ Gym
20	9:30 am	King's Crafters: Knitting and Crochet Club @ Office Library
20	10 am	Men's Brunch
26	7 pm	Marriage Works
29	7:30 pm	Women's Firepit @ McMahan's house

*Note: Sunday morning worship services stream live on YouTube at 10:45 am

Announcement Highlights

Holy Week Events

Holy Week is upon us, and our lenten, hopeful waiting and anticipation of the joyful celebration of Easter is nearing its culmination. As you prepare and look forward to celebrating Christ's death and resurrection, please mark down the dates below for our church gatherings. We encourage all of you, no matter your age or stage, to prayerfully invite your friends, families, and neighbors to join in with us!

- **Stations of the Cross Exhibit** | Monday-Friday, 11 AM - 1 PM in the Foyer
- **Lent Prayer Gathering** | Monday, 12:15-12:45 PM in Office Library
- **Maundy Thursday Devotionals** | in Parish Groups throughout the week
- **Good Friday Service** | Friday, 6:30 PM
- **Holy Saturday Station of the Cross Exhibit** | Saturday, 1-4 PM in the Foyer
- **Easter Sunrise Service** | Sunday, 7 AM at Brentwood Park
- **Easter Brunch** | Sunday, 9 AM in Gym
- **Easter Sunday Service** | Sunday, 10:45 AM

Volunteers Needed: Easter Brunch

We are in need of some volunteers to help with setting up, serving, and cleaning up our Easter brunch this coming Sunday. If you are available to help or would like more information, please reach out to Laura Perez as soon as possible.

Announcements

Lent Prayer Gatherings | Lent is a time for contemplation on the life and death of Christ, for introspection, and for prayer. One of the ways we'll lean into that this season is through weekly prayer meetings. Please join us at the church on **Mondays from 12:15-12:45pm** over the lunch hour for a brief time of singing, prayer, and silence. We'll meet each Monday in Lent. A zoom link will be available, though gathering in-person is encouraged! If you have any questions reach out to Mac at mac@graceandpeaceaustin.com. **Future Dates: 3/11, 3/18, 3/25**

Safe Families Partnership | Our church has the privilege of partnering with Safe Families for Children, who seeks to bring the church and community together to keep children safe and families together. **Please mark your calendar for the events below and head to the events tab of our website or most recent newsletter to RSVP.** You can reach out to Claire Brown (clairebrown1215@gmail.com), who serves as our G+P Ministry Lead, with any questions.

- **April 4th, 6-9pm: Safe Families 201** | Family Friend & Host Family training for anyone that has attended Safe Families 101 (basic training). Dinner and childcare will be provided. *We are praying for 20 people from G+P to attend!*
- **April 11th, 7-9pm: Safe Families Fundraiser** | Enjoy eating The Original Black's BBQ and hearing testimony of how the Lord has used Safe Families in Austin. This event is free to attend and will take place in our very own gym! *We are praying for at least 3 tables to be filled with folks from G+P!*

The King's Crafters: Knitting and Crochet Club | Join us for fellowship and crafting on the third Saturday of every month in the Library. All skill levels welcome, whether you're an expert or have never picked up a needle or hook in your life! Contact Alisha Ligon for more information. **This month's meeting: March 16th at 9:30am**

Women's Firepit Nights | Ladies, join us for a fire pit night at the McMahan's. Byob and byo-chair. Contact Mary Carlisle (mccrehore@gmail.com) for more information. **Future Dates: 3/21, 4/29**

Announcements

Intro to G+P Class | We're excited to host our Spring Intro to Grace + Peace class! The class will meet on **Saturday, April 6th from 9AM - 12PM** with coffee and light breakfast treats provided. In the class we'll cover the history and ministry of Grace + Peace. This class is for you if you are interested in membership or would simply like to know more about us, whether you're new or have been worshipping with us for a while. Please RSVP using the QR code below. You can reach out to Avery Kelly with any questions or for more information.



Vacation Bible School | Registration is now open for VBS, happening **June 24-27 from 9am-12pm**. This is for all rising Kinder-5th graders, Youth Helpers (6th-12th grade), and Adult Volunteers! RSVP by scanning the QR code below and reach out to Laura Perez with any questions. We can't wait to welcome you to a fun week of VBS this June!



Men's Morning Bible Study | Guys, we'd love for you to join us **Monday mornings at 7AM** as we apply the gospel to our lives using the sermon discussion questions and pray for one another. We meet every week at Central Market (North Lamar) in the upstairs café area! For more info email Eric Buescher (edbuescher@hotmail.com).

Women's Prayer Group | Hello Ladies! Please join us in praying through the Psalms, Friday mornings at 7:00 am on Zoom. We spend 30 minutes praying through the Psalms of the day and individual prayers and petitions. It is a delightful and refreshing way to start your Friday! Reach out to Jeanette Sands at jeanette.sands@gmail.com to RSVP and get the Zoom link.

Sermon Series Scripture Readings

4/7/2024 Revelation 8-11

4/14/2024 Revelation 12-14

4/21/2024 Revelation 15-16

4/28/2024 Revelation 17-19

5/5/2024 Revelation 20:1-15

5/12/2024 Revelation 21

5/19/2024 Revelation 22

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Giving to Grace + Peace

You can give in several ways, including online through our secure website, graceandpeaceaustin.com/give. If you choose to give online, paying by bank versus credit/debit is preferred to avoid fees coming out of your tithe.

Connect on a Deeper Level

Our Parish Groups are a great way to get to know people in the church.

To get connected with one of these groups, reach out to

Avery Kelly: avery@graceandpeaceaustin.com

Grace + Peace Prayer List

If you have a prayer need and/or would like to be added to the Prayer List, please contact Laura Perez: laura@graceandpeaceaustin.com

Women's Care

Please reach out to: womenscare@graceandpeaceaustin.com

Facility Requests

If you would like to rent any of our rooms, please go to: graceandpeaceaustin.com/facilityrequest

Discussion Questions

1. In what ways is the triumphal entry (pointing to the cross and resurrection) the day life changed forever for the disciples? What might it look like for us to live with the same fresh sense of possibility and urgency?
2. What are some implications for Jesus' kingship for your life in terms of purpose? In terms of possibility/ability? What difference does it make tomorrow practically to call Jesus your king?
3. What are some ways you can experience afresh the grace of Jesus' sacrifice for you? What might it look like to follow his example of humble service this coming week?



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- (Peter Croft is on sabbatical in 2024)*

Diaconate Contact Info: If you or someone you know has a need (big or small!) or crisis, the G + P Diaconate wants to help care for you. Please email us at activedeacons@graceandpeaceaustin.com. You may also seek us out to speak with one of us directly. The Diaconate members are:

- Justin Barclay
 - Mary Kate Peters
 - John Lamb
 - Mark Schwarz
- (Lance Lawhon and Anna Marshall are on sabbatical in 2024)*

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